

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-22 were cancelled.

Claim 23 is added to claim the elements of a method that processes an MPEG compatible datastream into a composite image formed of video information and Internet application data in view of a program map. The claimed program map is described in the specification on page 7, line 33 to page 8, line 3, page 16, lines 13-22, page 17, lines 17-24, and in other places. The claimed composite image is described in the specification on page 17, line 15 to page 18, line 2, and in other places.

Claim 24 and 25 claim the attributes of a packet identifier as described in the specification on page 7, line 7 to page 8, line 21, and in other places.

Claim 26 claims the type of Internet applications the method operates. These applications are described in the specification on page 10, lines 30-36, page 15, lines 11-21, and in other places.

Claim 27 claims the transport stream as being part of an ATSC HDTV television signal, as described in the specification on page 16, lines 2-7, and in other places.

Claim 28 claims the synchronization information used to synchronize the processed video and Internet application data, as described in the specification on page 16, line 23 to page 17, line 31, and in other places.

Claim 29 claims the composition of said program map, as described in the specification on page 10, lines 1-15, page 14, line 30 to page 15, line 32, and in other places.

Claims 30 and 31 claims ancillary information, as described in the specification on page 15, lines 19-32, and in other places.

Claim 32 claims a system for decompressing a received MPEG compatible transport stream. Support for this claim is found in the specification in Fig 1, page

4, line 23 to page 12, line 17, page 16, lines 13-22, page 17, line 17 to page 18, line 2, and in other places.

Claim 33 claims the transport stream as being part of an ATSC HDTV television signal, as described in the specification on page 16, lines 2-7, and in other places.

Claim 34 claims the synchronization information used to synchronize the processed video and Internet application data, as described in the specification on page 16, line 23 to page 17, line 31, and in other places.

No new matter was added in view of this amendment.

Applicants wish to withdraw the Notice of Appeal, and submit this amendment in view of a Request for Continuing Examination, being submitted with this paper. Applicants request a three-month extension to submit this response, from the time in which the Appeal Brief was due. Please charge deposit account 07-0832 for any fees owed in connection with this action.

It is believed that in view of the new claims that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' attorney at (609) 734-6809, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

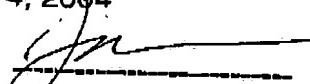

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